

Proper lining of canals and judicious use of water are being advocated to mitigate this problem. In order to check soil erosion, bio-engineering measures have been suggested. Integrated use of natural resources and introduction of legumes in cropping system are also being popularised to sustain higher productivity. Under the National Watershed Development Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture, which, inter alia, includes enhancement of agricultural productivity in a sustainable manner, an area of 35,520 ha. in Haryana and 19,792 ha. in Punjab has been treated so far.

Strengthening H.P. State Pollution Control Board

2810. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for strengthening institutional framework of H.P. State Pollution Control Board under the World Bank assistance programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the views of Himachal Pradesh Government in the matter; and

(c) by when the said proposal is to be materialised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Under the World Bank funded Environment Management Capacity Building Project, the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board is being strengthened. The following activities are included:— (1) Zoning Atlas for Siting of Industries (2) Industrial Estate Planning (3) Environmental Management Plan (4) Sustainable Tourism Development in Hilly Areas (5) Strengthening of air quality monitoring stations. The activities are proposed to be completed by 2003.

Controlling Forest Fire in Garhwal and Kumaon Mandals

†2811. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1700 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 2000 and state:

(a) what schemes have been formulated with the additional Central assistance of Rs. 10 crores provided by Ministry of Finance for prevention and control of forest fire in Garhwal and Kumaon Mandals in hilly areas;

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(b) the total number of families or unemployed persons near forests who have been associated with these schemes;

(c) whether these programmes have been postponed due to heavy rains started in those areas as early as in the first week of June; and

(d) the details of public participation in spending the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Schemes and allocations for Ministry of Environment
and Forests**

†2812. **SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes and provision of budget allocations therefor by Government to the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) on what principles the available budget allocations are made among States;

(c) whether budget allocations are made to various States, keeping in view the existing forests areas there; and

(d) the details of allocations to various States during the last three years, scheme-wise, alongwith the percentage of forests in those states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Plan allocation of the Ministry for 2000-2001 is Rs. 850 crore. Scheme-wise details are given in Statement I.

(b) and (c) Allocations to the States under forestry schemes are made on the basis of recorded forest areas, geographical area and past performance of the States.

(d) The details of allocations to the States during the last three years under forestry schemes alongwith the percentage of forests in those states are given in Statement II.

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